DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRTIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Modern Food Industries Limited, negotiate with the tenderers ignoring the lowest tenderer who has capacity to supply the required quantity and quality of ISI approved products;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, why such negotiations are going on in respect of supply of calcium propionate;

(d) whether such negotiations can lead to favourism and patronage resulting in corruption; and

(e) the opinion of legal experts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) As per the purchase Manual of Modern Food Industries Ltd., when tenders are invited, contract is to be awarded for supply of goods to the tenderer who quotes the lowest price provided he fulfils the specifications and other terms of the tender. However, if there are sufficient grounds available with the company for not awarding the contract to the lowest tenderer, then after recording those reasons, the company can refuse to award the contract to the lowest tenderer. Thereafter, if the company decides to hold negotiations for these reasons, they would have to invite all the valid tenderers for negotiations.

(c) and (d) Negotiations are permissible under circumstances prescribed as per the provisions of the Purchase Manual of the Modern Food Industries (I) Ltd. However, no such negotiations for the purchase of calcium propionate, are going on.

(e) As per the legal advice received by the Company, negotiations are to be held with all the qualified and valid tenderers if such negotiations are found to be necessary in the interest of the Company and according to the provisions laid down for this purpose in their Purchase Manual.

Introduction of Will Technology

2180. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out any feasibility studies about the 'Wireless in the Local Loop' technology.

(b) in which countries the WILL has been used on a large scale and the number of subscribers working on the same;

(c) what is the average cost per line for WILL and copper technology respectively for lines upto say 2.4 and 6 km distance from the exchange, in local networks of say one lakh, 20 thousand and one thousand lines capacity; and

(d) whether Government would introduce it on large scale to get over the nagging problems of technical feasibility, improve reliability and avoid frequent digging of roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This technology is being tried in a number of countries. DOT has no information about large scale use of WILL technology.

(c) As the WILL system has not been commercially tried in the network in India the average cost per line for development of this system is not known. However, average cost for 1000 lines capacity trial WILL system ordered by DOT is US $ 1760/- per line. Approximate cost of using copper technology in the network for the distances from 2 kms to 6 kms varies from Rs. 6500/- to 26,000.00 per line depending on type of network, configuration, site etc.

(d) It is proposed to introduce it progressively after successful field trial.

Laying of New Track in South Central Railways

2181. SHRI MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some new track laying work in South Central Railways is pending for over 10 years after commencement;

(b) the details of all track laying proposals where is under way presently;

(c) the approximate date of completion of each such work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) There is only one such work of Track Renewal. It is being done with Second hand materials in Trimulgherry Military Siding. Renewal in 4.78 km. length out of 11.33 km. has been completed and the balance work is in progress. The work has been delayed for want of adequate funds not having been deposited by Military authorities towards their share of cost.

(b) There are 56 old works and 26 New Works of 1995-96 where work is under way presently, the details of which are given below:

Year	No. of works
1979-80	1
1989-90	2
1990-91	2
1991-92	3
1992-93	6
1993-94	18
1994-95	24
1995-96	26
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(c) 25 works out of the above are planned to be completed in 1995-96 and balance are proposed to be completed progressively by 1998-99, subject to availability of funds and materials.

बिहार को एल॰ पी॰ जी॰/पेट्रोल/डीजल की एजेन्सियों का आबंटन

2182. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान बिहार में आबंटित की गई एल॰पी॰जी॰ और पेट्रोल/डीजल की एजेन्सियों के नाम और पते क्या-क्या है और तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) मंत्री के विवेकाधीन कोटे के अंतर्गत आबंटित की गई एजेन्सियों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) विवेकाधीन कोटे के अंतर्गत एजेन्सियों का आवंटन करते समय किन-किन बातों पर विचार किया जाता है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) और (ख) मार्च, 1995 तक पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान बिहार में 135 खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र डीलरशिपों और 40 एल॰ पी॰ जी॰ डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों का आबंटन किया गया था। इनमें से 3 खुदरा बिक्री केंद्र डीलरशिपों और 10 एल॰पी॰जी॰ डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों का आबंटन अनुकंपा आधार पर विवेकाधीन शक्तियों के अंतर्गत किया गया।

(ग) सर्वोच्च न्यायालय द्वारा अनुमोदित और 1.4.1995 से प्रभावी दिशानिर्देशों के अनुसार व्यक्तियों को अनुकंपा आधार पर डीलरशिपों/डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपों का विवेकाधीन आबंटन करने के लिए सरकार हेतु मार्गदर्शी घटक निम्नानुसार होंगे;

(i) उस व्यक्ति का आश्रित जिसने देश के लिए सर्वोच्च बलिदान किया हो परन्तु जिसका अभी तक उचित रूप से पुनर्वास न किया गया हो।

(ii) किसी ऐसे परिवार का सदस्य, जो आतंकवादियों के आक्रमण, भूकंप, बाढ़ आदि जैसी अप्रत्याशित परिस्थितियों का शिकार रहा हो।

(iii) शारीरिक रूप से विकलांग व्यक्ति।

(iv) प्रतिरक्षा/अर्द्ध सैनिक/पुलिस कर्मी/अन्य केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार के कर्मचारी जो ड्यूटी के समय स्थायीरूप से अपंग हो गए हों।

(v) असामान्य परिस्थितियों में प्राण गंवाने वालों के निकटतम संबंधी अर्थात विधवा, अभिभावक, संतान।